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Chair Tom Cole
Ranking Member Mike Quigley
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 to Shalom Health Care Center for the Multi-Use Meeting Facility project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Shalom Health Center, located at 3400 Lafayette Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.

The funding would be used to build a brand new 2,700 square foot, multi-use meeting facility adjacent to the main primary care clinic at Shalom Health Center. The funding will also be used for new sidewalks and ramps to make the health center more accessible to patients. Construction of a freestanding multi-purpose meeting facility will allow Shalom Health Center to offer dedicated mental health and substance abuse disorder support groups, diabetes and obesity counseling, nutrition demonstrations, and community meeting space.

Shalom Health Center is a federally qualified health center that serves patients across Indianapolis. Shalom has seen an acceleration of growth in the number of patients served in recent years and this new multi-use facility would allow the health center to continue meet the Indianapolis community by implementing programs to enhance the quality of life and health of our residents.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will create jobs through the construction and have a lasting impact improving health equity in Marion County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress